

4th MO Cav

Murfreesboro Tenn
Feb 22, 1863

My dear Mr Loving

Nothing but a press of duty has prevented my writing to you before this. You must not interpret my silence into forgetfulness. It would be impossible for me to forget the great kindness I rec'd at the hands of yourself and family, during my soujourn at Bowling Green, it was the single "bright spot" in my "southern campaign", and from it, I shall date my "pleasant recollections" of the South. Since leaving your place, great changes have taken place in the Army, of which I am a member. A great battle has been fought, and won, and it gives me pleasure to inform you, that I was with General Rosecrans, throughout the whole engagement, our little "troop" left Nashville on Christmas day, with the Gen'l and Staff, and entered Murfreesboro on the 4th of Jan'y, after having passed through scenes, which were calculated to make even brave men shudder.

hope you did not imagine for one moment, that the "troop", were among the cowardly scoundrels who refused to do their duty on the eve of battle, the "Anderson Cavalry" are so often spoken of, as the "Anderson troop", that many confuse the two organizations, so bitter is the feeling existing between the "regiment" and our "troop" that we have petitioned the general in the strongest terms, not to force us to become a company of the same.

I think he will grant our request we represented to him the fair fame of the old troop, would be irretrievably ruined, by being connected with a regiment that had disgraced itself in the face of the enemy. We have a right to be continued an independent company or to be disbanded that is, to be honorably discharged. Assure our friends that we have never been connected and never will be connected with the organisation spoken of.

You will be sorry to hear that Evan Grubb was shot at the "stone river", poor fellow, he was riding a short distance from me, in close proximity to the General, had just made a laughing remark to me, with regard to a pipe he was smoking, when a solid shot struck his horse between the ears, passing through Grubb's breast killing both horse and rider instantly, he could not have suffered a moment. We anticipate giving the enemy another thrashing, God grant we may not be disappointed.

Give my kindest regards to your wife and Miss Patterson, and to all my friends at B.G. Hoping to hear from you very soon
I am with great respect

sincerely, your friend Geo L. Garrett

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Mr John Loving

My dear sir

I am certain that you will be glad to hear that I have rec'd my commission as 2nd lieutenant in Co.L. 4th Mo:Cavalry. I shall probably leave this place in a day or two, for Phila. I wish I could arrange it in such a manner, that I could pay a visit to your house, but my time is limited. I go direct home, by permission of the general, and then, expect to receive notice whether I am to proceed to St Louis, or to return to this department, Col. Waring of the 4th hopes to be ordered to Rosencrans, if he succeeds, I shall make it a point to spend a day, or two, at your pleasant home. I have been looking daily for an answer to the letter I wrote you some weeks ago. I am so much preoccupied with my arrangements for getting off, that you must excuse my extreme brevity, with the greatest respect for your wife and Miss Patterson,

I remain very truly your friend

Geo. L. Garrett

John Loving, Esq

Bowling Green, Ky.

Phila Nov 7, 1865

Dear Mr Loving

You left a package at our house the other eve'ng which I send to you with your goods from "Shapleigh & Rue". I am sorry you had to wait so long at the R.R. Depot, but hope you had a pleasant ride to "Bowling Green". Present my compliments to your wife and Miss Patterson; tell Mrs Loving I hope she will wear the little trinket I sent, and sometimes remember the grateful "Yankee".

very truly yours

Geo L. Garrett